

M. C. T. U. NOTES.

THE SALOON-KEEPER'S SIGN.
By Richard J. Graddock.



There is an old story to the effect that a drunken man having fallen down on the steps of a saloon, a small boy opened the door and called into the pro-

prietor, "I say, Mister, yer sign's fell down."
And surely no traffic could have a more appropriate symbol. The name given by common consent to the saloon-keeper's wares, "intoxicating liquors," is in itself a strong condemnation. Suppose that a man takes a glass of liquor, then another and another until he sinks into the last stage of intoxication. Was the last glass any more intoxicating than the first? Most certainly not. It is not then easily apparent that no man can indulge in intoxicants to the most limited extent without being taken off the line of absolute sobriety and having the normal, healthy action of his system disturbed, although in the case of the smaller indulgence, the change may not be marked enough to be outwardly perceptible?

To man is given not only the power of destruction, but also a far more dangerous power—that of perversion, which is really the destruction of good and the creation of evil. And in this way the saloon-keeper does society a double wrong, he not only robs it of what is beneficent and good, but substitutes what is evil and burdensome.

War or disease, for instance, simply take away, but when a man becomes degraded through drink the State has not only lost the good citizen he might have been, but has thrown upon it the burden of his present condition. And so too the home must not only mourn the loss of the husband and father of better days, but must also bear all the bitter trials which daily darken the drunkard's home. If we follow up this line of thought to the end of the sad chapter in the powerful light of contrast, and mark the wide difference between the good citizen and the criminal or pauper; between the happy, prosperous home and the hovel which shelters only poverty and despair; between the tender cares of the true husband and father and the unnatural blow of drunken rage; between the healthful vigor of sober manhood and the drunkard's shattered frame; between the dignity of intellect and the senseless chattering of the tipsy fool; between the courage and hopefulness of the sound mind and the agony and despair of the victim of delirium tremens, if we remember—first, all that the liquor traffic takes away from society and then all that it inflicts upon it, we may then be able to form some just idea of the enormity of this great evil.

The poet Gray, in his "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard," sings eloquently of the possible statesmen, heroes, and poets who have lived and died in obscurity, because

"Chill penury repressed their noble rage,
And froze the genial current of the soul."
But what pen shall ever trace that far sadder story of the hosts of promising careers which have been thwarted and perverted by intemperance, of all the brightness of intellect which has been quenched in the intoxicating cup? Who can place a limit to this loss? Who can say that the Nation has not lost Washingtons and Lincolns by its toleration of this evil traffic?

Not long ago, the young son of a W. C. T. U. woman died. His father had always voted for high license. This, of course, grieved his wife, but her son comforted her by saying: "When I vote, mamma, it will be as you would." He was called up higher before he was old enough to represent his mother at the ballot-box, but at the late city election, his father, for the first time in his life, voted the straight temperance ticket for the dear boy's sake who are still left in the earthly home.—Union Signal.

Noah got drunk, the Bible tells us. [A young man, leaning over our shoulder as we wrote the word "us," interrupted us by saying: "That's no excuse for you or me."—Pioneer.

LET HER DO WHAT SHE CAN.
Emily J. Bugbee.
Let her do what she can for humanity's sake,
Whatever the form that her service may take—
Whether high in the councils of church or of state
Or down where the outcast and suffering wait;
In the love-circled home, be it cottage or hall,
In the school, where the seed in the soft ground may fall;
In the African jungle far over the sea,
Or here in the land through Christianity free.

Let her do what she can, for the world's pleading wall
Rises up on the breeze, is abroad on the gale;
If her heart for the good of her fellows be stirred,
Restrain not her efforts, in deed or in word.
Let her walk in your fellowship, brother and friend,
Wherever your steps for humanity trend.
Turn not from the proffer of service aside,
Let your strength to her wisdom and love be allied.

Let her girdle the world with her ribbons of love,
And lift the White Cross all its plague-spots above;
Let her scatter Christ's leaven from shore unto shore,
Till wrong and oppression shall vex us no more.
"She hath done what she could," said the Savior to men
Who scorned at the service she rendered Him then;
"She hath done what she could," be it said of us all
When the curtain of silence shall cover us full.

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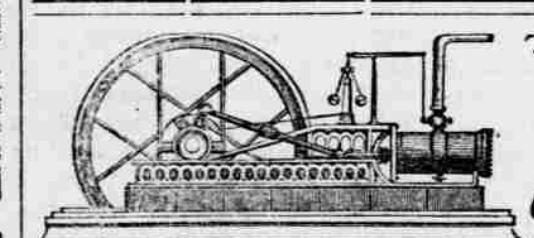
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